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SUBJ: TITO REVISED SCHEDULE

REF: STATE 039463

1. IN A FEBRUARY 16 MEETING WITH ASSISTANT FEDERAL SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DRAGAN BERNARDIC, AMBASSADOR RAISED QUESTION OF TITO'S ARRIVAL IN D.C., (REFTEL). BEFORE HE COULD COMPLETE HIS PRESENTATION, BERNARDIC INTERRUPTED AND SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN A CHANGE IN TITO'S PLANS. PRESIDENT TITO WILL FLY DIRECTLY TO WASHINGTON, ARRIVING ON MONDAY, MARCH 6 AT 1600 LOCAL TIME AND WOULD GO DIRECTLY TO BLAIR HOUSE. BERNARDIC STRESSED THAT THIS WILL BE A PRIVATE ARRIVAL AND THAT TITO WILL HAVE A PRIVATE DINNER THAT EVENING, THE OFFICIAL VISIT WILL BEGIN WITH THE WELCOMING CEREMONY ON MARCH 7.

2. BERNARDIC ALSO STATED THAT IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR TITO TO GO TO THE HILL ON MARCH 8 AND THAT IT WOULD BE MUCH BETTER IF THE KEY CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS WERE TO MEET WITH HIM AT BLAIR HOUSE THAT MORNING.
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